

CIP EXPENSE DETAIL

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:
CONTACT DEPARTMENT(S):

12/6/12
WPD

SUBJECT:

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 8 to an Interlocal Agreement with the University of North Texas for a native vegetation restoration project to be conducted in Lake Austin and Lady Bird Lake extending the termination date to December 31, 2015, in an amount not to exceed \$120,000, for a revised contract amount not to exceed \$645,000.

CURRENT YEAR IMPACT:

Department:	Watershed
Project Name:	Austin Lakes - Plant Cntrl
Fund/Department/Unit:	4850 6307 5019
Funding Source:	DUF Funds
Current Appropriation:	569,391.00
Unencumbered Balance:	36,844.75
Amount of This Action:	(20,000.00)
Remaining Balance:	<u>16,844.75</u>
Department:	Watershed
Project Name:	Lady Bird Lake Invasive Riparian Management
Fund/Department/Unit:	4850 6307 9003
Funding Source:	DUF Funds
Current Appropriation:	150,000.00
Unencumbered Balance:	53,517.34
Amount of This Action:	(20,000.00)
Remaining Balance:	<u>33,517.34</u>

ANALYSIS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On March 2, 2005, the City entered into the Interlocal Agreement with the University of North Texas for a program to establish native aquatic plant founder colonies to provide habitat for fish and other aquatic wildlife, to maintain benefits of improved water quality associated with aquatic vegetation, to reduce re-infestation of hydrilla in Lake Austin, and to reduce the likelihood of infestation of hydrilla in Lady Bird Lake. Seven previously approved amendments to the Interlocal Agreement have expanded the program, adding more founder colonies, and expanding, monitoring and managing existing colonies.

Amendment No. 8 adds \$120,000 to the agreement over three years for continued maintenance of aquatic plant founder colonies, including additional installations of larger herbivore exclosures. Additional work will occur in conjunction with current City riparian restoration efforts, through the establishment and maintenance of desirable native plants along Lady Bird Lake's shoreline where other activities have reduced or prevented plant community development. In particular, the shoreline downstream of the Congress Street Bridge, recently cleared of trees to improve views of the Mexican free-tailed bat emergence, will be planted with low-growing native shrubs and herbaceous species to minimize erosion and invasion by less desirable vegetation. Native aquatic, emergent and other riparian species will be established in areas where the City conducted control efforts for the invasive giant cane on Lady Bird Lake in 2011 and 2012.